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Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Tuesday, 10 November 1992, at 6.30 p.m.

President:	Mr. ERDOS	(Hungary)
Members:	Austria	Mr. HAJNOCZI
	Belgium	Mr. NOTERDAEME
	Cape Verde	Mr. JESUS
	China	Mr. LI Daoyu
	Ecuador	Mr. AYALA LASSO
	France	Mr. MERIMEE
	India	Mr. GHAREKHAN
	Japan	Mr. HATANO
	Morocco	Mr. SNOUSSI
	Russian Federation	Mr. VORONTSOV
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir David HANNAY
	United States of America	Mr. PERKINS
	Venezuela	Mr. BIVERO
	Zimbabwe	Mr. MUMBENGEGWI

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The meeting was called to order at 6.55 p.m.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

THE PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of November, I should like to take this opportunity to pay a tribute, on behalf of the Council, to Mr. Jean-Bernard Merimeé, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations, for his service as President of the Security Council for the month of October 1992. I am sure I speak for all members of the Security Council in expressing deep appreciation to Ambassador Merimeé for the great diplomatic skill and unfailing courtesy with which he conducted the Council's business last month.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PURSUANT TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 781 (1992) (S/24767 AND ADD.1)

LETTER DATED 6 NOVEMBER 1992 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (S/24783)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Sacirbey (Bosnia and Herzegovina) took a place at the Council table.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 781 (1992). That report is contained in document S/24767 and Addendum 1. Members of the Council also have before them document S/24784, which contains the text of a draft resolution which was prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

I should like to draw attention to the following revisions to the draft resolution contained in document S/24784 in its provisional form.

The second preambular paragraph should read as follows:

"Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 5 November 1992 (S/24767 and Add.1) and of his letter of 6 November 1992 (S/24783) submitted pursuant to resolution 781 (1992),".

The first part of operative paragraph 3 reads as follows:

"Endorses the general concept of the operation described in the Secretary-General's report... ."

Following operative paragraph 3, a new paragraph 4 should be added, reading as follows:

"Calls upon all parties and others concerned henceforth to direct all requests for authorizations of flights pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 781 (1992) to UNPROFOR with special provisions being made for UNPROFOR flights and other flights in support of United Nations operations, including humanitarian assistance;".

(The President)

The present paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the draft resolution must therefore be renumbered.

The new operative paragraph 6 reads as follows:

"Reiterates its determination to consider urgently, in the event of violations subsequently brought to its attention in implementation of resolution 781 (1992), the further measures necessary to enforce respect for the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina."

I should like to draw the attention of members of the Council to the following documents: S/24783, letter dated 6 November 1992 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council; S/24750 and S/24777, letters dated 2 and 8 November 1992, respectively, from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council; and S/24769, letter dated 2 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it, as orally revised, in its provisional form. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that that is the case.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

I shall first call on members of the Council who wish to make statements before the voting.

Mr. LI Daoyu (China) (interpretation from Chinese): At the outset, please allow me to congratulate you, Sir, on your assumption of the presidency of the Council for this month. I am convinced that under your guidance the work of the Council will be successful this month. I should also like to take

(Mr. Li Daoyu, China)

this opportunity to congratulate your predecessor, the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations, Ambassador Mérimée. I wish to express to him my gratitude. His vigorous and tireless efforts smoothly guided the Council in completing its heavy workload last month.

The Chinese delegation is deeply concerned at the development of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In principle, we are in favour of the establishment of a ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the consent of all parties concerned. We support the relevent recommendations for monitoring such a ban put forward by the Secretary-General in his report.

Based on this position, the Chinese delegation will vote in favour of the draft resolution when it is put to the vote.

However, it should be pointed out that this does not mean that there is any change in China's principled position on Security Council resolution 781 (1992), referred to in this draft resolution. I should like to reiterate here that the Chinese delegation is not in favour of any use of force on the question of establishing a ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is our hope that all the relevant parties of the former Yugoslavia will honour their commitments to respect the ban on military flights and fully cooperate with the United Nations Protection Force.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): I thank the representative of China for the kind words he addressed to me.

I shall now put to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/24784, as orally revised, in its provisional form.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour: Austria, Belgium, Cape Verde, China, Ecuador, France, Hungary, India, Japan, Morocco, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Zimbabwe

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution, as orally revised, in its provisional form has therefore been adopted unanimously as resolution 786 (1992).

There are no further names on the list of speakers. The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 7.10 p.m.